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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SNAR, GR
SUBJECT: ALLEGED STATE RESTRICTION OF DEA

REF: STATE 83084

1. THE EMBASSY, WHICH HAS ENJOYED WHAT WE BELIEVE ARE
EXCELLENT COOPERATIVE RELATIONS WITH DEA, HAS NOT TAKEN
ACTIONS WHICH HAVE RESTRICTED OR VETOED DEA OPERATIONS
IN GREECE. QUITE THE OPPOSITE IS THE CASE.

2. THOUGH THERE IS NO DEA REPRESENTATIVE IN ATHENS, OVER
THE PAST THREE YEARS THE EMBASSY HAS WORKED CLOSELY WITH
THE DEA OFFICES IN ROME AND PARIS. AT A POLICY LEVEL
THIS HAS INCLUDED A DEMARCHE BY THE CHARGE TO THE GOG
WHICH ESTABLISHED THE BASIS FOR COOPERATION AND JOINT
OPERATIONS BY THE DEA AND GREEK NARCOTICS CONTROL
AGENCIES. AT THE WORKING LEVEL, THE EMBASSY HAS ASSISTED
THE DEA IN ESTABLISHING AND CARRYING OUT JOINT OPERATIONS
IN GREECE. MOREOVER, ON A CONTINUING BASIS, THE EMBASSY
HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN DEVELOPING DEA'S COOPERATIVE
OPERATIONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH GREEK AUTHORITIES.

3. DEA'S SATISFACTION WITH THE EMBASSY'S EFFORTS TO
ACHIEVE NARCOTICS CONTROL GOALS WAS EVIDENT IN TWO
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AWARDS THAT WERE PRESENTED TO THE EMBASSY BY DEA
IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS. THE DEA'S "CERTIFICATE OF
APPRECIATION", FOR EXAMPLE, CITED THE EMBASSY'S
NARCOTICS COORDINATOR TOWNSEND FRIEDMAN FOR "OUTSTANDING
CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE FIELD OF DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT."

4. IF THERE IS TO BE PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON THIS ISSUE,

AND IF GREECE IS TO BE REFERRED TO, THE INFORMATION
IN PARAGRAPH 3 SHOULD ONLY BE DESCRIBED IN THE MOST
GENERAL TERMS TO AVOID POSSIBLE PUBLIC CONTROVERSY
IN GREECE WHICH COULD DAMAGE DEA-GOG COOPERATION.
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